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INVENTORY
OF THE
CONTENTS OF MOUNT VERNON
1810

WITH A PREFATORY NOTE
BY
WORTHINGTON CHAUNCEY FORD

1909

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Introduction

THIS inventory, now printed in full for the first time, was filed in the office of the county clerk of Fairfax county, Virginia, by those charged with the final appraisement of the personal effects of Washington at Mount Vernon. Mr. William C. Lane, librarian of Harvard University, states in his "Inventory of Washington's Library" that

"The original will [of Washington] is still to be seen there [Fairfax Court House], and this with the other papers mentioned was copied into the large record volumes, but at the bottom of p. 326, Liber J. 1 following the 'account of the estate of the late Gen'l Washington with Laurence Lewis' is found this note, — 'Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Gen'l George Washington Deceased (ought to be here Recorded). For Inventory look to Wills &c of August Court 1810 filed. T. C. Nash.' But on inquiry for the files of this date it appears that all the original papers of this time and earlier were scattered during the occupation of Fairfax by the Federal troops during the Civil War. The Washington Inventory may possibly have been saved, but its present location, if it is extant, is unknown to the writer."

Fortunately this paper was preserved, and has now found a fitting niche in a collection of manuscripts where it not

only will be free from accidental loss but is now made accessible by publication. An imperfect copy of the Inventory was in the possession of John A. Washington, of whom Edward Everett obtained a copy for use in his "Life of George Washington," printed in 1860; but some leaves of the manuscript had been lost. This imperfect form has been reprinted several times, but never as a separate piece. What pertains to the library of Washington has been fully studied and annotated by Mr. Lane in the volume on the Washington collection in the Boston Athenæum (Griffin-Lane), printed in 1897.

In view of that study I have not thought it necessary to annotate that part of the Inventory, not even to correct the many errors in names and titles. The document is printed as it was written, and may thus serve as a basis for detailed study in special lines.

The document has a high personal interest. The values affixed to each article are purely arbitrary, and are in no sense correct appraisals, whether of the market value of the thing, or of the value to its possessor, from actual cost or from association. The estate was not in dispute; there was no tax system which imposed making a correct valuation upon the executors; and the formal presentment of the list fulfilled the requirements of the occasion. The sums affixed could be omitted without impairing the real value of the paper, for this value lies in the light it throws

upon the contents of the house at Mount Vernon, and incidentally upon the taste of Washington in gathering them.

It may be said at this point, that Washington himself was not wholly responsible for the contents. This is especially true of the library, which had grown through gifts rather than through purchases, and thus only in a slight degree reflected the personal taste or judgment of the man. It would give a very wrong impression to pass upon his reading from the list of his books, for it becomes evident at a glance that a majority of the volumes had either been sent to him by writers looking for recognition, or been bought in a desire to assist author or publisher in a venture affected with some public interest. Washington was no reader, and his only enthusiasm lay in books on agriculture, which he studied and laboriously extracted with a minuteness that was extraordinary. As a young officer in the colonial militia he gave some attention to military books, and he is known to have read the play of "Cato." There is little evidence that he cared for history, even of the War of Independence; and in only one instance has a political volume, immediately dealing with his own conduct, been found with his marginal notes.¹ An unusual instance of his attention is that of the single word

¹ Monroe's "View of the Conduct of the Executive of the United States," now in the Library of Harvard University.

in his copy of Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations," where he has questioned the printing of the good Scotch word "fiars," believing it to be a misprint for the word "fairs." In his diaries he never mentions the books he was reading, and his correspondence rarely refers to books, unless formally to acknowledge a gift or a dedication, or gives any evidence of a bookish learning. To speak with frankness, he read for a purely commercial purpose; to fit himself for service in the camp, and to conduct his farming on a profitable basis. He never became a great general; and his agriculture never became a source of profit. In neither case was he responsible for this result. He never had an army efficient for acting on the offensive consistently, and a necessity for using slave labor balked every effort to improve his lands.

In other respects the Inventory is more satisfactory, meagre as it is. In the last forty years the Washington estate, as it was called, was finally settled and a number of relics and manuscripts came into the market. There was much of undoubted value, and the prices were adequate, so much so as to encourage the fraudulent. For many years a rather clumsy imitation of Washington's writing was sold to the unwary, in the form of checks purporting to have been drawn upon a bank in Alexandria.¹ This was an innocent deception compared to some

¹ These checks were the work of Robert Spring of Philadelphia.

that have been put forth in recent years, and sometimes by dealers of recognized position, who could not plead ignorance as an excuse. Not only have papers been wrongly assigned to Washington, but also to members of his family, and often without a particle of evidence to prove their origin or authenticity, and in the face of proof that they could not be as represented. His book-plate has been reproduced and inserted in volumes that this Inventory could show had never been in his library. Undated manuscripts have been assigned to a particular year, and a story woven round them that would grace any work of fiction, and that has proved of great profit to the romancer. Unfortunately this Inventory can be used only within narrow limits to correct such offers and offenses, and will not serve at all in testing fraudulent documents. The descriptions given of pictures, for example, are not sufficient to permit a full identification, but if twenty portraits of Washington are reported as coming from Mount Vernon, there is ground in this volume for meeting so wholesale a claim.

It is from the letters of the earlier years that a really fair idea can be gained of Washington's tastes in household furnishings. A Virginia planter had only one market for his principal product, tobacco, and that market was in England or Scotland. Sending his tobacco there, the account was settled almost entirely by such

manufactures and other articles as were needed on the plantation. The system was as costly as it was unsatisfactory. The planter was rarely contented with the price he obtained for his tobacco, and the difficulties of ordering goods at such a distance were greatly increased by the poor quality of the goods themselves. Carelessness, shop-worn articles, indifferent workmanship, and an open disregard of orders complicated the transaction, and the time required for a correction (even if a correction was possible) made the remedy ineffectual. A definite quality of exports, commercially known as "colonials," of second and third qualities, was considered as good enough for the colonies, and hence arose the exact descriptions included in the planters' orders.

In the colonial days of Virginia almost every article used in the household, apart from what was grown in the garden or fields, was obtained from England. An invoice was a formidable affair, ranging from tools and nails to medicines, perfumed powder and suits, from pickles and cider to shoes and cloths. The last order by Martha Custis, in 1758, amounted to £309. 8s 5d and it would be difficult to name any article of ordinary use that had been omitted. This happened only three months after an order amounting to £103.15s 5½d had been filled. In 1764 the total invoice ordered was £474.2.9, and there is no evidence to show that the demand diminished in the years after the

stamp tax troubles, when domestic industries were supposed to be rising into importance. The plantation of the south, with its large number of slaves, was economically too dependent upon England to be made free by a local, limited, and probably temporary industry in the northern colonies.

I now quote from some of these early orders which Washington sent to his English agents.

In April, 1757, when Washington was at Fort Loudoun, he directed his kinsman, Richard Washington, of London, to send him

“A marble Chimney piece of the Dimensions Inclosed (given by the Workmen) the Cost not to exceed 15 Guineas. N. B. let it be carefully packd”

Also “1 Neat Landskip 3 feet by 21½ Inches = 1 Inch Margin for a Chim” — a somewhat crude way of obtaining anything of merit. These London merchants at times sent to their Virginia customers a gift of a picture or piece of furniture; but they could hardly have been connoisseurs of art. It was safe to look to them for “Two neat Mahogany Tables 4½ feet square when spread and to join occasionally;” and “1 Dozⁿ neat and strong Mahogany chairs at 21/.” There was some standard by which to judge a “neat” Mahogany bit of furniture, or a “fashionable lock for a partition door;” but a “neat

Landskip" was too indefinite. It is safe to say that few of the paintings at Mount Vernon, apart from some of the portraits, had any artistic value. In November the goods came by the Peggy and Elizabeth. The chimney-piece was in thirty-one feet of "fine new veined marble," with plinths and iron cramps for mounting it (£8. 6. 6); the two mahogany tables cost £6. 10, and the chairs, described as "best gothick chairs, wth Pincushion seats, stufft in y^e best manner and covered with horse hair," were billed at £12. 12, exclusive of packing. The landscape was "after Claude Lorrain" and cost £3. 15. 6.

In the cargo of the Salley, Captain Dick, bound to Rappahannock, in Virginia, came in August, 1757:

A Bedstead with Mahogany carved and fluted pillars for feet Posts, yellow silk and worsted Damask Fur- niture, lind with Tammy, and carved cornishes compleat, cost at an Auction	£25.10
3 p ^r yellow silk and worsted Damask Window Curtains, cost at ditto	9.
A Mahogany easy Chair, on Casters coverd with ditto and a Check Case cost at Ditto	3.10
6 Mahogany chairs, Gothick arched Backs and Seats of Ditto and an Elbow Chair cost at Ditto	7.12.6
A fine neat Mahogany serpentine dressing Table with Furniture Comp ^l , drawer, Glass &c ^a , hand ^l Locks and brass Work	10.10
A fine Mahogany Tea Table	3.15 .
A p ^r fine carvd and gilt Sconces	7.

with Wilton carpets and wall papers and the following china and glassware:

11 fine oblong china Dishes 11/	6.1
1 Tureen to match Ditto	14
2 doz ⁿ fine Plates @ 14/	1.8
1 doz ⁿ Ditto Soup do	14
A compleat sett fine Image china	3.10
2 doz ⁿ fine wine glasses Ingravd	.17
6 Quart Decanters do 21/ 12 beer glas ^s Mugs &c 12/	1.13

with knives and forks on which the crest was engraved.

A short time after Washington wrote:

To Richard Washington [September, 1757.]

DEAR SIR: Be pleasd over and above what I wrote for in a Letter of the 15th April and 10th Inst^t to send me one dozⁿ strong chairs of about fifteen shillings price, the bottoms to be exactly made by the Inclosd Dimensions and of three different colours to suit the paper of three of the bed Chambers (also wrote for in my last). I must acquaint you, Sir, with the Reason of this request. I have one dozⁿ chairs that were made in the Country neat but too weak for common sitting. I therefore purpose to take the bottoms out of those and put them into these now ordered, while the bottoms which you send will do for the former and furnish the Chambers: for this Reason the Workman must be very exact, neither making the bottoms larger nor smaller than the dimensions, otherwise the change cant be made. be kind enough to give directions that these chairs equally with the others and Tables be carefully packd and stowed, without this Caution they are liable to infinite damage. I am D^r Sir, Y^r most obed^t &c.

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From Philip Bell, Upholsterer, was obtained in August, 1759:

70 yds of Chintz Blew plate Cotton furniture	£11.7.6
54 yds Scotch Linnen to Line Ditto	2.18.6
a Beach Bedstead colourd all over, Castors, a strong sack- ing Case Slips a Compass-Rod, Brass Caps & neat plain Mah ^y foot Posts, & a neat cut Cornish	4.14.6
Making a Blue Chintz of y ^t Cotton Lined	1.16
7 yds of blue Gard. fig rd Lace. 7 yds of white Hessars to line the head and Tester, Ring Tape and paper to the Top	1.6
Making 11/4 Quilt of the above Cotton on one side, Scotch Cloth on the other	1.1
2 Neat cut window Cornishes	18
Making two Festoon Window Curtains & cov ^e y ^e Corn- ishes	12
3 doz ⁿ of Lace to ditto, Leads & Owees, 28 y ^{ds} of worst ^d and thr ^d Line 2 Tossells, 4 brass cloak pins, studs & Cur ^t hoops	18
2 Wilton Ingrain bedside Carpets	1.16
2 Neat Maha ^y Pillar & claw fire Screens India Paper on both Sides	2.2
1 Neat Maha ^y Marb: Couch with a Roll head & Leath ^r Casters to ditto, stufft up in the best mann ^r & covd with black Leath ^r , quilted, best princes metal Nails, Boulster and 2 pillows, filld w th Goose Feath	7
50 yds of y ^e best Royal Matting y ^d wide	3.6.8
a Bedscrew	3.6
2 fine large check Mattrasses filled with hair	6.16.6
The whole charge amounting to £48.7.2.	

In the same shipment came from Richard Farrer some glass ware and branched candlesticks, and “1 pair Seasons, & 1 pair Music’s figures” for the sticks.

Another invoice of some interest came in the following March, for it included some articles of ornament. Washington had in September, 1759, asked his factor to obtain for him 8 pieces, as follows:

4. One of Alex^r y^e Great; another of Julius Cæsar; an^d of Ch^s 12 Sweden; and a 4th of y^e King of Prussia.
N. B. These are not to exceed 15 Inch^s in hight, nor 10 in width — for brokⁿ Pedim^{ts}
 - 2 other Busts of Prince Eugene & y^e Duke of Marlbor^{gh} —
somewh^t small^r
 - 2 wild Beasts — not to exceed 12 Inch^s in highth nor 18
in length.
- Sundry small Ornaments for Chim^{ney} piece.

The selection showed his evident taste for great generals, and he was still ambitious of military service, if it could be given without injury to his claims of rank. It must have been something of a disappointment to find, on opening the cases, that his wishes had been thus carried into effect:

- A groupe of Æneas carrying his Father out of Troy with
4 Statues, viz. his Father Anchises, his wife Creusa,
himself and his son Ascanius, neatly finisht and
bronzd with Copper £3.3
- Two Groupes, with two Statues each of Bacchus &
Flora, finisht neat, & bronzd with copper, £2.2
each £4.4

Two Ornamented Vases with Faces & Festoons of Grapes & Vine Leaves &c ^a finishd neat & bronzd in Copp'	2.2
The above for y ^e Chimney Piece.	
Two Lyons after the Antique Lyon's in Italy, finishd Neat & bronzd with copper, £1.5 each	2.10

The agent thought some explanation was necessary, for he wrote:

"These is y^e best Ornaments I coud possibly make for the Chimney Piece, and of all the wild Beasts as could be made there is none thought better than the Lyons. The manner of placing them on y^e Chimney piece sh^d be thus

A groupe of Flora	Vase	Æneas	Vase	Groupe of Bacchus
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There is no Busts of Alexander y^e Great [none at all of Charles 12th of Sweden] Julius Cæsar, King of Prussia, Prince Eugene nor Duke of Marlborough of the size desired; and to make Models woud be very Expensive, at least 4 Guineas each; but I can make Busts exactly to the size wrote for [15 Inches] and very good ones at the rate of 16/ each of

Homer, Virgil, Horace, Cicero, Plato, Aristotle, Seneca, Galens, Vestall Virgin Faustina, Chaucer, Spencer, Johnson, Shakespear, Beaumont, Fletcher, Milton, Prior, Pope, Congreve, Swift, Addison, Dryden, Locke, Newton."

March, 1761

A Neat Mahogany Square Case with 16 Gall ⁿ Bottles in ditto with ground Stoppers, Brass lifting handles and brass casters	£17.17.
A Large sizd Baggamon Table, Boxes and Men	1.

In April, 1763, Richard Farrer sent another china set complete, of fine blue and white, consisting of

11 long Dishes	}	12.0.0
24 plates, 12 soop plates, 1 Tureen Cov ^r & Dish . . .		
4 Sauce Boats 4 Salts		

February, 1764

12 chairs covered with Leather and brass		
nail	@ 16/	9.12
2 Elbows to ditto	@ 24/	2.8
6 Windsor Chairs painted Green . . *	7/	2.2
10 Mats	13 ^d	10.10

March, 1765

10 Mahogany chairs hair bottoms	27/	13.10.0.
2 Arm Do	40/6	4.1

In June, 1768, he asked for "as good a spy glass as can be bought for 60/ of a good artist." A year later he wanted "a large hunting horn, bound tight round with small brass wire from one end to the other, and secured in such a manner as to prevent the wires slipping," quite an order for "y^e most fashionable kind of Queens Ware," and as handsome a fowling piece, three and one-half feet in the barrel, as could be bought for three guineas. In July, 1771, he orders "a candlestick with two lights, and a shade to read and write by, such as they have in the Public Offices, not to exceed 29/," and two sockets for seals, one

to have topaz or some other handsome stone, with the Washington arms neatly engraved thereon, and the other, a plain stone, with the Washington crest.

The extracts could be extended, but enough has been given to show the little connection possible between the articles bought and those listed in the Inventory. During the War of Independence little was added to the Mount Vernon household, and after the peace, Washington was too much occupied in making good the sad results of neglect and inefficiency to buy largely. His correspondence with Tobias Lear is suggestive, and that with Clement Biddle would add much to our knowledge of his purchases. After all, the net result is to be found in this Inventory, and it will hardly be possible to go beyond it in seeking to reconstruct Mount Vernon as it was in his day.

The survey is an early product of Washington's work, and is obtained from the Library of Congress. It is strange that there is no floor plan of the house at Mount Vernon that could be used in this volume. The only one in print was in such a form that its reproduction was forbidden.

WORTHINGTON CHAUNCEY FORD.

BOSTON, May, 1909.

An Inventory &c. of Articles at Mount Vernon

WITH THEIR APPRAISED VALUE ANNEXED

In the New Room		D.	C.	D.	C.
2 Large looking Glasses	200				
4 Silver plated lamps	60				
6 Mahogany Knife Cases	100				
2 Side Boards on each of which is an Image & China flower Pot	160				
27 Mahogany Chairs	270				
2 Candle Stands	40			830	
2 Fire Skreens	40				
2 Elegant Lustres	120				
2 large Gilt frame Pictures represent- ing falls of Rivers	160				
4 do. representing water Courses . .	240				
1 do. small "Likeness of Genl W—n	100				
1 do. Lewis the 16 th	50				
2 Prints "Death of Montgomery . .	100				
2 do. "Battles Bunkers Hill	100				
2 do. "Dead Soldier "	45			955	
1 likeness "Saint John "	15				
1 do. Virgin Mary	15				
4 Small Prints (1 under each lamp) .	8				

	D.	C.	D.	C.
1 Painting "Moon light	60			
5 China Jars	100			
All the Images	100			
1 Matt	10			
Shovel Tongs, poker & fender . . .	20			
2 round Stools	6			
Window Curtains	100			
				434

[2] In the little Parlour

1 Looking Glass	30
1 Tea Table	8
1 Settee	15
10 Windsor Chairs	20
2 Prints representing Storms at Sea .	30
1 do. a Sea fight — between Paul Jones of the Bon Hoome Richard & Capt. Pearson of the Seraphis	10
1 Do. the distressed situation of the Quebec &c.	15
2 do. 1 the whale fishery at Davies Streights & the other the Green- land do.	20
1 Likeness of Genl Washington in an Ovolo frame	4
1 do "La fayette"	4
1 do Dr Franklin	4
1 Gilt frame of wrought work contg chickens in a basket	20
1 do. do. The likeness of a Deer . .	5
1 Painted likeness of an Alloe . . .	2
6 others of different Paintings . . .	12

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	D.	C.	D.	C.
1 Carpet	10			
2 Window Curtains	5			
And Irons, Shovel, Tongs & fender	6		220	

[3] In the front Parlour

1 Elegant looking Glass	60		
1 Tea Table	15		
1 Sopha	70		
11 Mahogany Chairs	99		
3 lamps, 2 with mirrors	40		
5 China flower pots	50		
1 Gilt Frame the likeness of De-			
marquess & family	100		
1 do. Gen! Washington	50		
1 do. Mrs Washington	50		
1 do. Mr Law	80		
1 do. Mrs Lear.	10		
1 do. Mrs W——ns 2 Children	50		
1 do. Mrs Washington's daughter			
when grown	10		
1 Small Ovolo Gilt frame, containg			
the likeness of W——n Custis . .	10		
1 do. Geo. W. Fayette	10		
1 do Gen! Washington	10		
1 do Mrs W——n	10		
1 Gilt Square frame, "The likeness of			
Miss Custis	10		
1 do emblematic of Gen! Washington	10		
2 Window Curtains	16		
1 Carpet	80		
And Irons, Shovel, Tongs &c	8	842	

[4] In the dining Room

1 Ovolo looking Glass	15
1 Mahogany Side board	23
1 Tea Table	2
2 Dining Tables	30
1 Large Case	40
2 Knife Cases	6
10 Mahogany Chairs @ \$5	50
1 large gilt frame print the "death of the late Earl of Chatham	50
1 do Gen! Woolfe	15
1 do Penns Treaty with Indians	15
1 do David Rittenhouse	5
1 do Dr Franklin	10
1 do Gen! Washington	7
1 do Gen! Green	7
1 do America	6
1 do Gen! Fayette on Closusion ¹ of the late war	7
1 do Gen! Wayne	7
1 do the Washington family of Mount Vernon	20
1 do Alfred visiting his Nobleman	9
1 do do dividing his loaf with the Pilgrim	9
1 Carpet	2
Window Curtains	2
Water Pitcher	50
And Irons, Shovel & Tongs & Fender	337 50
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¹ Conclusion ?

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[5] In the Bed Room

	D.	C.	D.	C.
1 looking Glass	10			
1 small Table	5			
1 Bed, Bedstead & Mattrass	50			
4 Mahogany or Walnut Chairs . . .	8			
1 large gilt frame "a battle fought by Cavalry"	30			
Window Curtains & V. Blind . . .	1	50		
1 Carpet	5		109	50
And Irons, Shovel Tongs & Fender ¹	4			

In the Passage

14 Mahogany Chairs @ \$5	70			
1 Print "Diana deceived by Venus"	5			
1 do "Adonis carried off by Venus"	5			
1 do "The dancing Shepherds" . . .	5			
1 do "Morning"	5			
1 do "Evening"	8			
1 do "a View on the River Po in Italy"	8			
1 do "Constantine's Arch	8			
1 do. "Genl Washington	25			
1 do "The Key of the Bastile with its Representation	10			
1 Thermometer	5			
4 Images over the door	20			
1 Spye Glass	5		179	

In the Closet under the Stair Case

1 fire Skreen	2
1 machine to scrape shoes on	2

¹ A line added.

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D. C. D. C.

In the Piazza

30 Windsor Chairs 30 34

[6] From the foot of the Stair case to the Second floor

1 Gilt frame Print "The musical
Shepherds" 10
1 do Moonlight 10
1 do "Thunder Storm" 10
1 do "Battle of Bunkers hill" 5
1 do "Death of Montgomery" 15

In the Passage of the Second floor

1 Looking Glass 4 54

In the first Room on the second floor

1 dressing Table 8
6 Mahogany Chairs 15
Bed, Bedstead & Curtains 75
Window Curtains 1
1 Large looking Glass 15
1 Print "Gainsborough forest" 8
1 do Nymphs bathing 8
1 do Hobimas Village" 6
1 do "Storm" 7
1 Carpet 5
Wash bason & Pitcher 1
And Irons, Shovel, Tongs &
fender 5 154

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In the Second Room

		D.	C.	D.	C.
1 Armed Chair	6				
Bed, Bedstead, Curtains & Window Curtains	70				
1 looking Glass	15				
1 dressing Table	8				
Likeness of Genl Fayette	50				
1 Carpet	10				
4 Chairs	6				
Wash bason & Pitcher	1				
And Irons, Shovel Tongs & fender	4			170	

[7] In the third Room

6 Mahogany Chairs	24				
1 Bed, Bedstead & Curtains	85				
Window Curtains	1				
Chest of drawers	15				
1 Looking Glass	6				
1 wash stand, bason & bottle	4				
Carpet	7				
1 Print "the Young Herdsman"	5	50			
1 do "The flight"	5	50			
1 do "Morning"	5	50			
1 do "Evening"	5	50			
And Irons Shovel Tongs & fender	4	50	168	50	

Fourth Room

5 Mahogany Chairs	16				
1 Bed, Bedstead and Curtains	77	50			
Window Curtains	2				
1 Close Chair	6				

	D.	C.	D.	C.
1 Pine dress ^g Table	1			
Carpet	10			
1 Large Looking Glass	15			
1 Print "Sun rising"	6			
1 D ^o "do Setting"	6			
1 D ^o "Cupid's Pastime"	6			
1 D ^o "Cottage"	6			
1 D ^o "Herdsman"	6			
1 Wash bason & Pitcher	1	50		
And Irons, Shovel, Tongs and fender	4	50	163	50

[8] In the Small Room

1 Dressing Table	3			
1 Wash Stand	4			
3 Windsor Chairs	1	50		
1 Bed & Bedstead	40			
1 Dressing Glass	3		51	50
Glass & China in the China Closet up				
Stairs & that in the Cellar . . .			850	

In the GarretRoom N^o 1.

2 Windsor & 2 old Mahogany chairs	1	50		
Bed & bedstead	30			
1 Small mahogany Table	2			
And Irons, Shovel, Tongs & fender .	1		34	50

N^o 2.

3 Chairs	2			
2 Tables	4			
1 Book Case	4			
1 Bed, Bedstead & Mattrass	35		45	

Lumber Rooms.

2 Bedsteads	2		
3 Beds \$40	120		
5 Mattresses	130		
Parcel old Carpets	30		
3 Chairs	1		
6 Trunks	8		
3 Large Chests	7		
16 Volumes Journals of Congress & others	3		
2 fire Skreens	2		
6 hair Trunks	6		
1 Leather do	1		
2 Painted Presses	6		
4 Traveling Chests	6		
[9] 2 marble Tables	25		
1 Straw matt	5		
23 Pictures "Seasons"	23		
1 Bedstead		75	
5 Small Trunks	2		
1 Old Side Saddle	4		
2 Sets Platteaux	100		
2 fire Skreens	7		
1 Warming Pan	1		
2 Mahogany Stands for Skreens . .	5		
2 (Surveyors) machines	6		
6 flat Irons	1	501	75

In the Passage

1 Leather Couch	4		
2 hair Trunks	5		
1 Arm'd Chair	2	11	

D. C. D. C.

In the Room M^{rs} W——n now Keeps.

1 Bed Bedstead & mattress	50	
1 Oval looking Glass	10	
1 fender	2	
And Irons, Shovel & Tongs	2	
3 Chairs	3	
1 Table	3	
1 Carpet	3	73

In the little passage on the Second floor next to M^{rs} W——ns Old Room

3 Pictures *nailed to the house.*

In M^{rs} W——ns Old Room.

1 Bed Bedstead & Curtains	70	
1 Glass	2	
1 Dressing Table	0	
1 Writing do	25	
1 do Chair	2	
1 Easy Chair	10	
[10] 2 Mahogany Chairs	4	
A Time piece	100	
1 Chest of drawers	30	
6 Paintings of M ^{rs} W——ns family		
10 S	00	
5 Small drawings	2	50
1 Picture "Countess of Huntington		75
1 do. "Genl Knox	1	

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24 China Dishes	15	
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48 " shallow do	8	
2 " sallad dishes		50

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	D.	C.	D.	C.
8 China Pickle Plates		50		
10 " Custard Cups	1			
48 Saucers }	3			
25 Cups }				
1 Tea Pot		50		
1 Egyptian China do		50		
1 Glass Bowl		10		
6 China Mugs	1	50		
2 do Soup dishes	3			
5 Tart Moulds		5		
1 Plated Tea board	1			

In the Cellar

2 lamps	2	
1 Bl Turpentine	2	
20 Pickle Pots	9	50
11 Butter do	5	
8 Soap Jarrs	25	
7 Pickle Pots	3	50

Up the Kitchen Stairs

1 Iron Stue pan	50	
3 do Sauce do	1	50
6 Tin Covers	10	
[32] 4 Naples biscuit Pans	4	
1 Copper egg boiler	1	
front of a Dutch oven	3	
6 Cake pans	10	
1 Tin Kettle	1	
2 Sugar Cake pans	4	
2 Clay Milk pans	10	

	D.	C.	D. 1 st C.
1 Old Chair	5		
14 forks and 3 knives	50		
2 Doz. pewter Candle moulds	6		
10 Chaffin Dishes	2	50	
1 pr And Irons	5		
1 Jack	5		
6 Spits	6		
1 fender	25		
Pr Tongs and Shovel	3		
1 Salamander	3		
1 Grate	75		
2 Coffee Toasters	2		
2 baking Pans	25		
3 Irons like hooks	25		
1 Door of a dutch oven	25		
2 Stands for ditto	25		
1 Kitchen Boiler	10		
2 Preserving Pans	8		
1 Griddle	1		
7 Blls Toe yarn	10		
1 Still	5		
1 Canister Pattepan	1		
2 Pewter Ice Cream Pots	3		
8 Tin do	1		
6 do Baking Pans	16		
3 Copper do	1		
[33] 1 Tin dutch oven	25		80 49
10 Scallop Cups	10		
3 Coffee Pots	25		
18 Blumonge Cups	50		
1 Copper Stue Pan	3		

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	D.	C.	D.	C.
2 Pea Strainer		10		
2 Whorfling Irons	1			
2 Copper Stue Pans	2			
4 Chairs	1	50		
1 Tea Table	1			
Bed and Bedstead	30			
1 Dressing Glass		50		
And Irons, shovel, Tongs and Fender	2		42	20

In the Kitchen

9 Pots	12		
2 Tea Kettle	2		
9 Pewter Plates	1	50	
7 Dishes	2	50	
3 Copper Sauce Pans	4	50	
2 Spits	4		
1 fish kettle	4		
3 Grid Irons	3		
2 Frying Pans	2		
3 Dutch Ovens	4		
1 Marble Mortar	15		
1 Bell Metal do	3		
2 Skillets	8		
3 Iron Stue Pans	3		
2 Dripping do	1		
2 Cullendars		50	
1 Griddle	1		
1 Marble Slab	5		
5 pr pot hooks	1		
3 Trivets		75	
2 Supports for the Spit	5		

		D.	C.	D.	C.
	1 pr And Irons	1			
	2 Shovels	1		84	75
[34]	2 Pine Tables	1	50		
	3 ladles	1			
	1 Skimmer		33		
	6 Iron Spoons	1			
	9 Skewers		33		
	1 Peper box, 1 drudge do		5		
	1 fire Skreen	1			
	2 Clevers	1			
	1 Safe	3			
	1 pr Scales and Weights	1	50		
	4 Tubs	1			
	5 Buckets	1			
	3 Piggans and 1 brewg kettle . .	8			
	1 Jack and chain	10		30	71

In the Wash house

9 Tubs	4	50		
4 Pails		75		
2 Piggans		50		
4 Tables	7			
2 Boilers	20		32	75

In the Office

3 Old Chairs	50			
1 Pine Writing desk	2			
1 Press	1	50		
1 Bed and Bedstead	20			24

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In Store house

		D.	C.	D.	C.
39	reap hooks	13			
5	New Scythe blades	2	50		
22	Old do	1	10		
2	Plate holders	2			
2	Pots	3			
2	New Tubs	1			
1	Old Gun		50		
1	barrel old Iron and Copper . . .	1		24	10
[35]	1 Grind Stone	2			
2	bolts rope Yarn	5			
1	New constructed hoe	1			
6	Doz. Pewter Plates	6			
18	dishes	6			
5	Blls Partly full of nails	30			
2	Marble Slabs	20			
1	Doz old Stock locks	1			
1	Jugg Oil	1			
1	Steel malt mill and fly	5			
2	hay knives		50		
1	Cutting Knife		25		
1	Old Bell		25		
	Part of 2 boxes Glass	2	50		
1	Potatoe Sifter	1			
1	copper plate drier	2			
22	Pewter Warmers	11			
4	New and 2 old wheat fan sieves .	3			
1	Roll wire		50		
2	copper Spouts	2			
4	Sheets Wire		10		
6	foot Stoves	3			

	D.	C.	D.	C.
2 pr Scales, (1 wood) and wts . . .	5			
4 Franklin Tops	4			
A parcel harrow hoes	4			
1 Doz. bedstead Screws	2			
7 Screw augers		42		
5 Common do		80		
1 Stone Saw		50		
1 Whip do	1			
1 Wood do		50		
1 bundle carriage reins		10		
40 Brass rods	6	40	147	82
[36] 3 hook bills		75		
4 Doz old plain Irons	1	50		
Quantity small brass nails		25		
2 pr brass hinges and 3 brass locks	7			
2 Japan and 3 old brass locks	1	50		
2 wharffling Irons	1			
10 pr Iron Hinges	5			
2 Doz brass Screws	4			
2 window fasteners		50		
2 doz old Small plain Irons		72		
8 Screw plates		80		
1 Cart wheel box		25		
1 beam for Scales	3			
3 Hackles	4			
2 pump boxes		75		
8 Pieces Sheet Copper	5			
3 Plow hoes	3			
1 Pump for a Greenhouse	3			
1 Set of bed Screws &c	1	50		
1 Paper large brads		10		

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	D.	C.	D.	C.
Part of a barrel allum	1			
1 box figures plaister	2			
1 do pounded do		33		
1 Empty Chest		50		
1 Green Carriage Seat		25		
1 Chafing dish		50		
4 empty Jars	1			
1 surveyors Staff	1			
6 Mahoganey Waiters	2			
Some Stuccoe Moulds		50		
4 Irons belonging to Plows	2			
[37] 2 large Baskets	1			
1 Elegant French horn	15			
2 Saddle Cloths		50		
1 Blind bridle without reins		50		
2 Irons for a franklin	1			
2 lignam vitæ balls	1			
2 old Spye Glasses		50		
10 leather canteens	10			
1 do Trunk	10			
4 Pack Saddles	4			
2 bags and 2 leather valices contg Markee Tents &c.	100			
1 Small leather bag		50		
3 pr old holsters		25		
2 fringed leather housings	1			
4 Halters		40		
1 pr bellows		50		
30 yds bagging	5			
60 ^{lb} Sheet Copper	30			
Tin Clever Machine	1			

	D.	C.	D.	C.
In Servants Hall				
6 Camp Seats	1			
2 Walnut Tables	4			
2 Presses	6			
6 fire buckets	9			
1 pr And Irons	4		24	
[38] Gardners house				
1 Bed, 2 bedsteads, walnut Table and 1 Chair	20			
Overseers house				
1 Bed, beadstead and 2 Chairs . .	15			
In Salt house				
14 Iron Rods	12			
4 Screw bolts	1			
2 Iron plow beams 1 colter and 2 Shares	3			
A few old Scythe blades	16			
2 cwt Iron	12			
2 old Seives and a quantity rope .	200			
3 Pieces Cast Iron	4			
1 Old bellows	1			
1 Chest	50			
1 Hogshhead	50			
1 Tierce	25	269	41	
In Black Smiths Shop				
1 New Bellows	15			
1 Anville	4			

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		D.	C.	D.	C.
2	Vices	8			
1	Buck Iron	2			
4	Hammers	2			
6	pr Tongs	2			
4	Rasps — old		50		
3	Screw Plates	1	50		
5	Nail moulds		50		
	Some old Iron	2			
1	Scotch Plow	4		41	50
[39]	44 ^{lb} 15 ^{oz} Silver plate.	900			
	Plated				
	2 bottle stands	2			
	1 large Waiter	8			
	2 do 2 ^d size	6			
	4 do	8			
	1 Bread basket	8			
	1 fish knife	2			
	6 Salt stands	12			
	4 Bottle Sliders	4			
	1 Coffee Urn	8			
	1 Tea do	20			
4	pr high candle sticks	40			
3	pr chamber do	9			
1	Sett Castors	20			
2	Cream Dishes	6			
2	Sugar dishes	8			
2	Mustard Pots	4			
7	Salts	17			
	Wine Strainer	1	50		
1	Cream Pott	3			
1	Snuffer Stand	1			

	D.	C.	D.	C.
1 Muffin dish		3		
1 Tea Urn		50		
2 p ^r high Candlesticks		30		
1 p ^r small do		3		
1 lamp		10		
1 Bread Basket		10		
1 Ladle			50	
1 p ^r large Coolers		60		
2 p ^r small do		60		
1 Waiter		10		1324

[40] River Farm

5 Mares	115		
15 Working Mules	900		
2 Young do	60		
14 Working Oxen	140		
2 Oxen fattening 40 D. 1 bull 40 . .	80		
19 Cows	190		
11 Stears 3 years old	110		
6 do 2 do	48		
5 Heifers 3 do	50		
6 do 2 do	42		
5 Bull calves	15		
4 Cow do	12		
111 Sheep	222		
7 Sows	42		
1 Boar	2	50	
11 large Shoats	38	50	
26 Small do	26		
8 Plows	20		
14 p ^r Iron Traces	14		

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	D.	C.	D.	C.
8 large and small Trees for do . . .	4			
2 large harrows	6			
8 small do	16			
9 leading lines		90		
3 Ox carts	60			
4 chairs	4			
1 Horse Cart and Gear	5			
2 Dutch fans	20			
1 Cutting Box and knives	3			
1 half busl measure		50		
8 Axes	4			
2 Mortising Axes		50	2250	90
[41] 20 weeding and hilling hoes	3			
2 spads and 3 Shovels old		50		
6 Mattoxs	1	50		
8 Iron teeth Rakes		33		
3 pr mauling wedges	2	25		
1 pr Steel Yards	1			
15 bags much worn	3	75		
1 Corn barrel		50		
1 Tierce		50		
2 Barrels	1			
1 flax brake	1			
1 Grindstone	2			
1 Roller	5			
6 Milk Pans		48		
1 Gun	4			
1 old handsaw		50		
3 reap hooks		75		
3 Augers 1 bill hook and a Gouge	1			
1 Driller or Plow to open furrows	1		30	06

Muddy hole Farm

2 old Mares	7	
6 Mules	300	
7 Oxen	70	
1 Bull	15	
9 Cows	90	
1 Young bull a year old	8	
4 Stears 2 years old	28	
4 Heifers 2 do	24	
4 do 1 do	12	
1 Calf	2	
74 Sheep all last years lambs	111	
5 Sows	23	
1 Boar	2	692
[42] 9 large shoats (pened)	18	
25 Shoats and pigs	17	
4 Plows	3	
8 pr Iron Traces	8	
large and small Trees for 4 do	2	
One large harrow	3	
1 small do	1	50
1 Roller	1	25
4 Axes	2	
10 Mataxes	5	
1 Shovel		10
2 Dung forks		50
1 Dutch Fan	10	
10 hilling hoes	2	50
7 Bags	1	75
2 mauling wedges		75
1 Cross Cut Saw	3	

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	D.	C.	D.	C.
1 Handsaw		50		
1 Ox Cart	15			
2 Ox Chains	2			
1 Cutting Box and Knife	2			
1 half bush ^l measure		50		
1 Grind Stone	75		100	60

Doguerun Farm

	1 Old mare	5		
	1 Mare	40		
	1 do useless	—		
	9 Working Mules	495		
	2 young do	80		
	15 oxen @ 12 \$	180		
	1 Bull	15		
	18 Cows	180		
	1 Young Bull	7	1002	
[43]	8 Stears 2 years old	56		
	17 Heifers 2 do	119		
	6 Heifer Calves	21		
	6 Bull do	21		
	1 Young Calf	2		
	63 Sheep	126		
	5 Plows	5		
	8 p ^r chains	8		
	large and small trees for 4 p ^r	2		
	1 large harrow	2	50	
	2 small do	3		
	1 Corn barrel		75	
	2 Cultivators	6		
	8 Bags	2		

	D.	C.	D.	C.
1 Dutch Fan	8			
2 Rollers	6			
4 Axes	1	25		
6 Mattocks	2			
12 Weeding and hilling hoes	2			
5 Iron teeth Rakes		20		
3 Dung forks	1			
4 mauling wedges	2			
1 old handsaw		50		
2 do augers and 1 chizzel		50		
1 Cutting Box and Knife	1	50		
1 Reap hook		10		
1 half bush measure		10		
2 Ox Carts	30			
4 chains for do	4		464	

[44] Union Farm

3 working horses	75
1 Brood Mare	15
12 working Mules	555
1 Mule Colt 2 years old	60
2 Mare Colts 3 years old	60
2 do do 1 year old	30
2 horse do 1 do	35
12 Oxen	108
20 Cows	200
1 Bull	50
1 Ox fatting	12
1 Cow do	15
4 Stears 2 years old	28
8 do 1 year old	40

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	D.	C.	D.	C.
8 Heifers 2 years old	56			
13 do 1 do	45	50		
8 Bull Calves near 1 year old	24			
3 heifers do do	9			
106 Sheep	212		1682	50
At Ferry { 1 Young horse	60			
{ 1 old do	12	50		
11 Sows	66			
1 Boar	2			
1 Barrow and 10 Shoats (Penned)	33			
20 Shoats and 2 Pigs	21			
8 Plows	20			
12 pr Iron Traces	12			
8 large and small Trees	4			
1 large harrow	2	50		
[45] 3 small harrows	4	50		
1 Big Plow	3			
1 Double mould board do	3			
2 Rollers	6			
1 Dutch fan	12			
1 Corn barrel		75		
14 Bags much worn	3	50		
7 Axes	3	50		
1 Mortising do		25		
3 pr Mauling Wedges	2	25		
9 Mattocks	4	50		
16 Hilling hoes	2	66		
1 Patent Plow and harrow	4			
3 Ox Carts	60			
3 Chairs	3			
1 Spade		50		
2 Dung Forks	67		114	-8

	D.	C.	D.	C.
Distillery				
10 Oxen	85			
16 Cows	128			
2 bull Calves	30			
2 heifer do	30			
Mill { 1 Spade	50			
{ 4 Augers	50			
{ Parcel old Tools	50			
1 Cart and Chain	12			
Coopers Tools &c.	8	18		
hogs large and small 96	180	33		
5800 b ^l Staves	58		532	38

[46] Mansion house

5 Sets of harness for 2 horses	200
1 Coachee	250
1 Charriot	300
4 Coach horses	450
3 Riding do	220
2 Hack do	70
1 Brood mare	40
1 Steed	100
2 Covering Jacks	800
1 Jack 5 years old	250
2 do 4 do	450
1 do 1 do	200
2 do Colts	160
11 Jennets	950
1 do Colt	30
10 Working Mules	750
9 Cows	175

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	D.	C.	D.	C.
1 Calf	2			
1 Bull	100			
28 Sheep	70			
13 lambs	4	33		
1 Sow	10			
1 Waggon and Gear	60			
2 Carts and Gears	25			
3 Cutting boxes	12			
1 half bus Measure		10		
1 Measure, 1 side a Peck and the other a $\frac{1}{2}$		50		
8 axes	4			
4 Mattocks	2			
5 hilling hoes		84		
4 mauling Wedges	1	50		
3 mortising Axes		75		
8 Spades	4			
2 Old Shovels		25		
3 Iron Pitch forks		50	5692	77
[47] 18 old bags		80		
4 wheel barrows	1			
1 Scow	40			
1 large boat	20			
1 old fishing Boat	5			
1 new do	40			
1 Yoal	75		182	80

Green house loft.

27 Cradles with Scythes	27
1 Flax wheel	2
1 Reel	1

	D.	C.	D.	C.
3 Flax Wheels	6			
7 spinning do	7			
140 bus Peas in all	83	33	126	33

Fish house

65 Empty hhds	65			
4 do Tierces	3			
50 Blls Shad	200			
75 do Herring	187	50		
25 do Supposed as they are in Hhds	37	50		
9 do with Lacey in Londonn . .	22	50		
8 do with Col Gilpin	20			
5 do do Shad	20		553	50

Barn.

1 Machine for drilling wheat . . .	3			
2 do for Corn	1			
1 do for Gathering Clover seed	1	50		
1 do for raking up Wheat	2			
A quantity of Timber	6			
Do Pine Scantling	50			
Do Inch and quarter plank . . .	50		113	50
[48] 1 Turning laith	8			
10 Axes	10			
3 adze	1	50		
25 large moulding Plains	25			
35 Smaller do	17	50		
3 Plow do	3			
1 Spring do	1			
10 Smoothing do	7	50		
4 Old Irons		40		

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	D.	C.	D.	C.
18 chizels		72		
3 Dogs		50		
1 Gauge		4		
4 Turning Gouges		40		
2 pt Compass		25		
6 handsaws	7			
8 Augers	1	33		
1 Trow		16		
4 Whip Saws	10			
1 Grindstone	1	50		
3 hammers		30		
2 Rulers		25		
3 Gauges		9		
Shingles	6			
1 centre bitt &c.	6			
a quantity Brick in a kiln	60			
a quantity Oyster Shells	6			
D ^o Turnip	6		174	54

[49] In the Paint Cellar

1 Marble Slab and Grinder . . .	3
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Shoemakers Tools in Shop **1**

Gardners Tools

3 Spades	1
4 Iron teeth rakes	1
1 Turning Knife	25
1 stone roller	6
3 small hoes and 2 large do . . .	1
1 Grubbing do	50

	D.	C.	D.	C.
Reel and line		25		
2 Watering pots	2			
1 Pump for Green house	2			
1 Wheel barrow	2			
1 Edging Iron		25		
2 pair Shears	1		21	25
Amount carried forward . . .				\$27,158.34

The whole Number of Negroes left
by Genl. Washington in his own right
are as follows:

40 Men
37 Women
4 Working boys
3 do Girls
40 children

124 Total

Which Mrs. Washington intending
to liberate at the end of the present
Year, can only be valued for the Ser-
vice of the Working Negroes for one
year.

[50] Amount brought forward \$27,158.34

To this sum must be added the
amount of the following Articles
which were not extended in the In-
ventory when the foregoing was cast
up, To wit:

Books omitted and a
Theodolite \$84

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	D.	C.	D.	C.
Bank Stock, United States Stock, Potomac and James River Shares			29.212	
Cash on hand			254.70	
Addition to Gold Buckles and Knee buckles			200.00	
Diamond Eagle			387	
				30,137.70
				\$57,296.04

In obedience to the annexed Order of Court, we the Subscribers being duly sworn, having viewed and appraised all the personal Property of the late General George Washington decd which was presented to us for that purpose, agreeably to the foregoing Schedule.

Thomson Mason
Tobias Lear
Thomas Peter
Wm H. Foote

[51] At a Court held for Fairfax County the 20th day of August 1810.

This Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of George Washington deceased Returned and ordered to be Recorded. teste

Wm Moss Cl

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